

Washington, DC - Congressman Jeff Fortenberry today commented on President Obama's plan to significantly increase corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards by 2016. The President's proposal would require automakers meet a new fuel efficiency standard of 35.5 miles per gallon for cars and light trucks by 2016.

Fortenberry released the following statement following the President's announcement:

"Energy efficiency and stewardship of our resources should be top priorities as we work to build a new energy vision in America. Increasing our vehicles' fuel efficiency is critical to this goal, and I support the President's call for more vigorous CAFE standards. Increased fuel economy standards will allow us to use our domestic resources in a more environmentally responsible way and lessen our dependence on foreign oil. This is a very important component of a comprehensive energy policy to achieve energy independence and build a bridge to a more sustainable energy future."

Fortenberry is a member of the House Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus. He has supported previous policy proposals to increase CAFE standards.

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